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OFFICERS NAMED

By Mayor Rankin Who Takes Over City Government Reign Monday

Dr. J. D. Rankin took his position as head of the Coquille city government Monday evening in a manner that bespoke his understanding of what is expected of him as mayor and expressed the hope that the present city government would be as harmonious as the past one was and that the present administration would receive the co-operation of all Coquille citizens in working for the best interests of the city.

E. D. Webb, who had just been elected as president of the council—a position which is honorary only except when the mayor is absent—injected a humorous note by asking the physician mayor to schedule the arrival of new babies at the hospital on any other date than in the evenings of the first and third Mondays each month.

Mr. Webb attempted to shift the honor to the broad shoulders of Councilman Bryant but the latter was successful in eluding the mantle.

Mayor Rankin made but one change in the personnel of appointive officers, naming Frank F. Schram, who has been secretary of the Coquille Fire Department as fire chief to succeed Chas. W. Gardner.

Lewis English was named city marshal, with Kermit Shaw and Frank McCreary as deputies; S. V. Epperson remains as water superintendent, W. S. Sicksels as city treasurer, Grant Corby, as city attorney, Frank T. Dungey as street commissioner, and Dr. M. Earl Wilson as city health officer.

J. Loy Stacer's appointment as city engineer was a temporary one of (Continued on Page Three)

Service for the Young People

The young people of the church and community will be honored with special honor at the morning service at Pioneer Methodist church next Sunday. Last Sunday the old folks were especially honored. Rev. W. Raymond Wilder, the pastor, will deliver a special message to the young people, the subject of which shall be, "The Crime of Being Young." The church choir and soloist will furnish music appropriate to the service. All young people up to twenty-four years of age will be asked to sit in the center section of pews. Of course, people of all ages are cordially invited to the service.

At the seven-thirty service in the evening the pastor is preaching upon the subject, "The Painted Face," a timely message for all ages. Special music will feature this service, too.

The Sunday school meets at nine forty-five, offering graded instruction in the Bible for all ages. The Epworth League meets at six-thirty o'clock with a devotional and discussion group for all young people.

W. U. Douglas, Jr., Also Gone

Just a week and three days after the death of his father, W. U. Douglas, Wallace U. Douglas, Jr., passed away at his home in North Bend, death resulting from flu-pneumonia. He was the youngest son and had recently passed the state bar examination, having graduated from the Willamette University law school in 1935.

Besides his mother, survivors are Duncan E. Douglas, Marshfield; Emma Lou Bowen, Temple City, Calif.; Lucille Hunt, Modesto, Calif., and Alice Douglas Burns, of Portland.

Worthy Grand Matron Greeted

Occidental Chapter, O. E. S., of Bandon, held their regular meeting Thursday night at Masonic Hall. Mrs. Myrtle Peterson, worthy grand matron of Oregon, was a special guest. Mrs. Inez Glaisyer, past worthy grand matron, was also present. After a short session, splendid talks were given by Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Glaisyer. Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Gould, worthy patron and worthy matron of Beulah Chapter, No. 6, gave splendid messages. Refreshments were served after chapter in the banquet hall.

Coquille Postal Receipts Up

The Coquille postoffice is half way on its march to become a first class office. The total receipts for 1936 were \$19,408.45, which is a considerable gain over last year—Mr. Hawkins has no total of the 1935 business. The requirement for a first class office is \$40,000.

The December business amounted to \$3,027.37, and the last quarter of 1936 showed a total of \$4,496.63.

Deposit Increase Nearly 50%

Coquille's financial institution, the First National Bank, fairly represents the general business in Coquille and its improvement during the year 1936 in its report made for the close of business December 31.

Deposits have increased from \$617,009.77 a year ago, to \$909,890.74 a week ago, a boost of 47.5 per cent over its December, 1935, report. Total resources have increased \$298,122.53 during the same period, from \$668,388.43 to \$966,510.96. It is now in the million dollar bank class.

Cash and exchange have risen from \$339,327.89 to \$669,423.32, while loans and discounts have remained practically stationary—\$76,901.37 a year ago and \$76,300.94 the last day of the year.

There is not in the county or the state, and it probably goes for the nation, too, a bank on a more sound and substantial basis than is Coquille's First National.

1936 Fees in Clerk's Office

Fees collected in County Clerk Oddy's office in 1936 totaled \$10,281.80, divided among the five items: recording \$4,554.05; circuit court \$2,433; probate \$1,001; marriage licenses \$1,062; miscellaneous \$1,231.75.

Ex-MAYOR BERG APPRECIATION

Before the final motion of the expiring city council, that it adjourn sine die, was made by R. A. Jeub Monday evening, there was commendation and thanks for co-operation expressed by several of the city officials.

Mayor Berg wished to thank all the people of Coquille for their support for the past eight years. To Recorder Leslie, the appointive officers and city officials he expressed, with the deepest sincerity, the pleasure it had been to work with them and his appreciation of their co-operation at all times. He thanked the council for its harmony and its successful attempts to bring the city affairs through the trying last few years with flying colors. He expressed warm appreciation for the work done by City Engineer J. Loy Stacer as city manager, in his difficult position which requires that he relieve the mayor and councilmen of a lot of grief which formerly has come direct to the elected officials, and bespoke for Mayor Rankin and the new council the same co-operation which his administrations, four of them, had received from one and all.

Speaking for himself and the two other retiring councilmen, who entered on their duties eight years ago with Mr. Berg and were now stepping out with him—R. L. Medley and Henry Belloni—R. A. Jeub stated that Mr. Berg's leadership and executive qualities had been an inspiration to the council to put forth their best efforts and that the retiring mayor was in large degree responsible for the harmony prevailing in city affairs for eight years.

Jack LeFevre expressed the regret of the three hold-over councilmen in losing the association and assistance of those who were passing to private life.

The only business transacted by the old council, after the reading of the minutes of its Dec. 21 session, was ordering the payment of the December bills.

New Scout Executive Here

Ruland Doman, who has come to Coos Bay from Idaho Falls, Idaho, was a guest at the Lions luncheon yesterday. He is scout executive in the new set-up which divorces the coast section from the Willamette scout council at Eugene. His territory will include Coos, Curry, Douglas and Lincoln counties.

He spoke to the Lions along scouting lines. The Coquille club last week voted to sponsor a Coquille troop again.

Interest Rate Dropped to Five

A county court order adopted on Wednesday this week fixes the interest rate which the county will pay on county warrants this year at five per cent.

\$1,146.65 for Bandon Schools

J. E. Norton reported at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Tuesday noon the final payment to the Bandon schools of the funds raised here, the total being \$1,146.65.

Representative and Mrs. J. H. McCloskey intend leaving Saturday morning for Salem to be present at the opening session of the state legislature Monday morning.

PLYWOOD MAKING 16 THIS MORNING

It's a Very Interesting Process to Watch—Local Plant Capacity Carload a Day

The new plywood plant of the Smith Wood-Products plant is one of the most interesting spots in or near Coquille, to one who has never seen how veneer can be built up to board-like thickness and strength.

From the log in the river to the completed board the process is all exposed to view in the huge-700 feet long new building from which a carload of plywood was shipped last week.

Except for special requirements the product turned out is one-quarter inch in thickness and is made by gluing with a water-resisting adhesive, three pieces of veneer, one-tenth of an inch thick, the grain of the middle section running contrarily to the top and bottom pieces.

Frank R. Hendricks, formerly with the M. & M. company of Longview, is superintendent of the plywood department. He came down here several months ago to oversee the installation of the huge machinery, drying equipment, cutting machinery, etc.

Plywood at the Smith plant is cut from logs 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 feet in length. These blocks, as they are called, are cut by drag saw before they leave the river. A huge traveling hoist, high up in the building, picks the blocks up from the river and drops them on the main floor, where they are "barbed" by men with double-bitted axes.

After being placed in the lathe the rough spots are cut off as the log revolves until it is truly cylindrical. From that time on, unless knots, or for some other reason a breakage occurs, the veneer is cut in a sheet the length of the log in width and continuous until broken to permit its diversion to another of the carrying set of belts. These belts, which carry the veneer 210 feet to the cutting machine, are at five different levels, permitting a thousand feet of veneer to be on the way at one time to the cutter.

On the revolving cutter are 38 blades, ten feet long, and an operator must use good judgment in throwing the lever to make the cut at the desired point.

From there the veneer strips are hand trucked to the cold press dryer, steam-heated to around 330 degrees. This dryer is over 100 feet long and the veneer is thoroughly dried in the seven minutes required to pass from one end to the other.

One of the three repairing operations takes place after the sheet emerges from the dryer. Knots and broken places are cut out with a shaped hand tool and the operator sticks in another of the same shape—all cuts are uniform—and fastens it in with paper tape. These repaired pieces are used for the middle section of plywood mostly, and yet we have seen the surface of a plywood top table where the insert could only be detected by close examination.

From there the veneer is carted to the gluing machine where the center piece is passed through a roll press, receiving its coating of glue on each side.

When the stack is about 30 inches high they are moved to the hydraulic press where a pressure of one million five hundred thousand pounds is exerted to compress the plywood to the required thickness.

Sanding and trimming to size are the final operations, although there are two more repair jobs made, when needed, making three times the wood is cut and insertion of replacement made.

The capacity of the present equipment is two carloads of plywood per day, and 135 men are employed in this department, part of the operation being on a three-shift per 24 hours basis.

The payroll of the Smith plant on Tuesday, the last pay day, contained the names of 563 employees, but that number will probably be increased as the new plant gets down to smoother operation.

Annual Pomona Grange Meeting

Coos county Pomona Grange will hold its annual meeting in the Gravel Ford community hall next Tuesday, Jan. 12. The meeting will start at 10 a. m. and continue until 3 p. m., with a dinner sandwiched in at noon.

Ward McReynolds will be at Coquille city hall Tuesday, Jan. 12, 8 a. m., until 4 p. m. Applicants for drivers' licenses, take notice.

Coldest Weather This Week Since Winter 1932-33-- No Snow Here

Sixteen degrees is what the thermometer showed this morning, the coldest morning of the winter and the coldest experienced here since the winter of 1932-33 when it was down to six or eight above. And still there is no snow in the valley, although the higher elevations are covered and there was ten inches of the "the beautiful?" on Camas mountain Tuesday.

The record for the past eight mornings stands at six nights with the temperature below freezing and two above that point: Friday, Jan. 1—26 degrees. Saturday—24. Sunday—25. Monday—34. Tuesday—36. Wednesday—23. Thursday—18. Friday—16.

On Wednesday at noon the mercury had only reached the 28 degree level and yesterday at 3:30 p. m. it was 31.

An erroneous statement in the Marshfield daily said it was down to 19 degrees in Coquille Wednesday morning when all other points along the coast showed 20 or more. It was really seven degrees higher than that here, but since yesterday's 18 and today's 16 it is hardly worth while criticizing them for giving Coquille the worst of it, as usual.

Burst water pipes, frozen automobile radiators and a terrific drain on coal bins and wood piles is the usual thing now and the worst of it is that this section is not prepared for nor used to such Arctic climate.

Oh, for a good warm rain!

House Burned Yesterday

Two chimney fires and a destroyed house is the record for the first week of 1937 in Coquille.

The house, which belonged to H. Hining and was occupied by Clyde Parrish and family, at the east end of Tenth street, was burned, at 5:30 Thursday morning. An over-heated stovepipe through the roof was the cause. All the contents were saved except two stoves and two beds. Fire Chief Schram estimates the loss at \$400.

Monday evening at 5:30 o'clock the department was summoned when the flue of the W. O. W. building burned out, and at 11:45 a. m. Thursday the flue of the former R. H. Creager home near the city reservoir, now occupied by H. P. Hornish, began to blaze and the department was summoned.

B. P. W. Plan for Conference

The Business and Professional Women made plans at their meeting Monday evening for attending the conference of the Coos Bay District to be held in Marshfield on January 17, and for the lecture to be given by Evangeline Philbin. The latter meeting will be held in the parlors of the Pioneer church Monday, Jan. 18. Miss Philbin has been invited here by several organizations, which have made it possible for the public to hear her at no cost. A musical program will precede the address.

Deluging President with Wires

In response to a telegram from ex-Mayor Geo. L. Baker, of Portland, to the Coquille Chamber of Commerce, a telegram was sent yesterday to President Roosevelt by the chamber, urging him to take definite action toward bringing an end to the maritime strike which has practically paralyzed shipping all along the Pacific coast for more than two months. This action was in line with the concerted action of cities all over western Oregon.

Three Main Events on Card

Harry Elliott announces a triple main event for his next wrestling card in the Coquille Community Building, to be held next Friday, Jan. 15.

Each match on the card will be for an hour's exhibition, or two falls out of three, the list of topnotch ruffians being:

Jack Lipscomb vs. Don Sugai. Ernie Piluso vs. O'Brien. Thor Jensen vs. Sailor Dick Trout. All of them have shown their stuff on the mat here except O'Brien.

Plan Suggested for Tennis Courts This Year

The Coquille Woman's Club has had as a major project for several years the construction of permanent, regulation-size tennis courts for Coquille and has been accumulating funds for that purpose which now amount to a little less than \$200.

In the Corn Show fund balance, after the \$100 budgeted for the band in 1935 was paid a few months ago, there remains a balance of \$365 which, if the present attitude of the people of Coquille is maintained, will never be used for Corn Show purposes. Coquille may celebrate in the future but not with a Corn Show.

Acting on the theory that the Corn Show is out, Mrs. O. C. Sanford, president of the Coquille Woman's Club, suggested this week that the Corn Show balance be transferred to a tennis court fund and that two courts be laid out and concreted on the high school grounds, just north of the school and west of the new gym site.

It is the idea that excavation for the gym and levelling of the tennis court lot will provide sufficient earth to fill all the depressions there and make it an ideal spot for the racquet game.

More than that the grounds could (Continued on Page Nine)

COOS DAIRYMEN MET MONDAY

A large group of dairymen attended the annual meeting of the Coos County Dairymen's Association at Coquille Monday, January 4, 1937, and went on record as being unanimously in favor of the systematic testing of all dairy cattle in the county during 1937 under the provisions of the Oregon state law and with the co-operation of the federal Bang's program now in operation in the county, according to J. N. Jacobson, of Coquille, who is secretary of this organization.

The resolution, which was adopted by the dairymen following the reading and the discussion of the Oregon law, which requires that all dairy cattle be tested at least once during each twelve months period following January 1, 1937, states that conditions are now right for making rapid progress in eradicating Bang's Disease by testing all herds and removing reactors while federal indemnity is available. This, it was believed, will provide protection to those herds already tested and will assist in eliminating diseased cattle before such time after the county may be required by law to participate in the indemnity.

Another resolution, passed unanimously at the dairymen's meeting; points out the need for the most efficient use possible for cut-over land, some of which is included in most dairy farms of the county, and requests that those who may be in a position to assist in improving conditions give full consideration to any recommendations which may be made in the future with the view toward making it possible to use all types of land for its most efficient use.

M. M. Schmidt, of Norway, was re- (Continued on Page Two)

Tigers vs. Red Devils Tonight

Coquille's first basketball game will be held this evening at eight o'clock in the Community Building. Bandon will be the opposing team. Only the first team will compete against Bandon, the B squad playing the Coquille Junior high school, since Bandon does not have a qualified B squad this year. Coquille high school is hoping for a victory in this game since in the two practice games with Riverton, the Coquille score has been higher than that of Bandon. The starting line-up against Bandon will be chosen from the following boys: Bill Walker, Richard Walker, Don McClellan, Ralph Fuhrman, Alan Bailey, Marvin Goodman, Everett Smith, Bobbie Hurrell and Vern Oederkirk. The preliminary game between the B squad and the junior high school will begin at seven o'clock.

Three in Recorder's Court

Tom O'Brien, of Carpentersville, Ore., was given a \$10 suspended fine for drunkenness in Recorder Leslie's court in October. He was picked up by the officers for the same offense last Monday night and on Tuesday paid \$20 for the old and fresh charges. Merle Davis and Harley Snyder were given a \$10 suspended sentence by the Recorder, Tuesday morning, for engaging in an altercation very early New Year's morning.

Buy local bread and support home industry. 517

CITY DEBT IS LESS

Reduced by \$46,941.95 During Past Year—Receipts Much Higher

On page eight of this issue appears the annual report of City Treasurer Sicksels which was submitted to the city council Monday evening. Studied in comparison with last year's report it shows very clearly the city's improved financial condition.

Special taxes received in 1936 amounted to \$1,370.89; it was \$21,267.24 in 1935. License fees jumped from \$1,304.50 to \$1,661.25; water collections from \$10,477.24 to \$22,317.69; building permits from \$30.50 to \$90.50; house rents, \$38.76 to \$150; community building rent, \$614.50 to \$711. The two per cent gross tax on Mt. States Power Co. receipts show a decided gain in business for the utility, the city's tax increasing from \$1,130.49 in '35 to \$1,243.84.

The fines collected by the recorder made the greatest percentage gain of any single item of city income. In 1935 they totalled \$295.50, in 1936, \$1,101. Whether this in any way is due to the amount the city received from the state liquor commission will be denied by some and claimed by others. In 1935 the city received \$175.17 from that source and in 1936, \$383.89.

The street improvement fund, both unbonded liens and bonded liens, as well as interest payments all show a very substantial increase in 1936.

The statement of indebtedness—not bonded—shows a decrease of \$16,716.35 from what it was a year ago, with all warrant and special fund debt listed at \$26,741.53 now.

The bonded debt has been decreased the past year by \$30,225.60. It was \$225,153.57 a year ago and is \$194,927.97 now.

The total city debt dropped \$46,941.95, during the year, from \$268,611.45 to \$221,669.50.

County Employees Get Boost

Employees in the court house, 16 of them, received \$5 or \$10 raises, according to an order adopted by the county court on Wednesday, the list being: P. W. Culver, deputy sheriff, sheriff, \$85; C. G. Caughell, chief tax collector, \$150; Eva Schroeder, office deputy, \$100; Margarita Brodie, tax deputy, \$150; Katherine Jane Hassler, tax clerk, \$90; Delores Belloni, tax clerk, \$85; W. H. Kennedy, personal tax collector, \$130; J. W. Leneve, deputy clerk, \$150; Georginna Vaughan, deputy clerk, \$100; Wills Elliott, recording clerk, \$85; Anna Rooney, deputy assessor, \$100; J. N. Gearhart, county surveyor, \$45; Beneva Volkmar, county superintendent's secretary (share paid by county), \$75; Mae M. Waggoner, county court and health nurse secretary, \$100; Carl C. Wilson, janitor, \$85; Belle Whitsett, matron and cook, \$30.

The salaries unchanged from last year are: Dr. M. Earl Wilson, health officer, \$25; Lela Elrod, county nurse, \$120; Stewart J. Whitsett, janitor-jailer, \$75, and R. H. Mast, probation officer, \$120.

Coquille Fire Dept. Report

Secretary Frank F. Schram, of the Coquille Fire Department, who was named as chief of the department by Mayor Rankin Monday evening, estimated the fire losses in the city during 1936 at \$3,070, according to the report he submitted to the council that evening. The report showed that the department answered 35 alarms of which 13 were chimney fires, 15 grass fires, four buildings, two automobiles, and one a lumber pile.

Coos Senator to Leave for Salem

Senator and Mrs. Geo. H. Chaney intend leaving tomorrow for Salem, where he will enter upon his duties Monday in representing Coos and Curry counties in the upper house of the legislature.

The senator has expressed the intention of making Bandon relief—tax relief—one of the matters to which he will give his most ardent attention for the next forty days and in this opinion his constituents agree.

Woman's Club Next Tuesday

The Coquille Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday, January 12, at 2:15 o'clock in the Guild Hall. The Junior Women's Club will present a program and Jas. Comb, a Harvard graduate, will give some Shakespearean readings. The women of Coquille and vicinity are cordially invited to be present.